

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill clarifies that licensed counselors can work in Idaho drug courts and mental health courts, even if the counselors have a past criminal conviction. Current rules at the Department of Health and Welfare prohibit licensed counselors with certain convictions from serving clients in those courts. So this bill gives DHW direction to remove the prohibition specifically for professional counseling services through Idaho's treatment courts.

## FISCAL NOTE

There is no known fiscal impact.

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